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Item #1: Roll Call

A Workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor R. Mark Goughan, Deputy Mayor Jody R. Smith, David Martin, Joan L. Theriault, Nicole L. Cote, Hugh A. Kirkpatrick, and Thomas Ayer.

Department Managers and Staff: Penny Thompson (Tax Assessor), Kenneth G. Murchison (Zoning Administrator), and David Ouellette (Public Works Director).

Christopher Bouchard for the Aroostook Republican, Spectrum, and YouTube covered the meeting.

Item #2: Public Input

There wasn't any public input.

Item #3: Declaration of Potential Conflicts Of Interest

There weren't any declarations of potential conflicts of interest.

Item #4: Work Session Topics of Discussion

a. CDBG Economic Development Grant Application – Porvair Filtration Group

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on the City CDBG Economic Development Grant Application for Porvair Filtration Group.

- The necessary letter of intent was submitted prior to the February 22nd deadline.
- Presently the City hasn't received an invitation to the full grant session.
- The grant, if awarded, would provide for building improvements, appliances, and new equipment.
- Provide 6 full-time or full-time equivalent positions with a pay range of \$12.50 to \$43.00 per hour. These positions are over and above Provair's commitment from acquiring the City's generator.
- Provair Filtration Group's portion would be \$360,000 and the grant request is \$180,000.
- The Public Hearing is scheduled for May 13, 2019.

b. River Road Reconstruction Project

The Public Works Director provided an update on the new failing of the River Road.

- The Director checks the River Road twice a day, morning and evening.
- New cracks were observed last week on the east side of the road in an area 200 feet south of where the new road was to start. This needs to be addressed.
- A representative of DuBois & King was on site Friday April 26th along with the Mayor, City Manager, and Public Works Director.

- The underlying problem with the road needs to be resolved before the City has it rebuilt.
- Guy Rouelle of DuBois & King, has made four recommendations to the City for moving forward:
 1. May – Prepare bid and advertisement to demolish three homes to include asbestos abatement, clean up home site, back fill, loam and seed. This would also include the removal of large debris, abandoned vehicles, metal scraps and tires on the Carla Chomka property.
 2. May – DuBois & King submit scope and fee to the City to conduct the Boundary Survey for the four parcels, Parcels 52, 53, 54, & 55.
 3. Begin in May. DuBois & King conduct a more extensive geo-technical exploration to include the development of a slope stability model. The stability model will help identify the type, shape and mode of failure. Document 10 to 20 year history of the road, drainage issues, and other failures during the past 20 to 30 years. Model would include deeper borings, which would include below river depth and potential monitoring wells. The area of exploration is expanded to include the additional failure area south of the current project area.
 4. At the completion of the slope stability model – meet with the City to review geotechnical findings, stability model, the alternatives and present recommendations.
- Ouellette stated that it was unrealistic to believe that the River Road will be repaired this summer.
- Andrew Hoak of DuBois & King, propose the following tasks:
 1. Perform a supplemental site visit to try to find additional evidence of slope failure closer to the toe of the slope. The site visit will also include observations, measurements, photographs of nearby drainage features, cross culverts, etc.
 2. Utilize existing soil boring data to develop a slope stability model and try to determine the mode of failure, approximate depth and shape of the failure surface to help inform a proposed remedial effort and/or any modifications to the existing design plans. The results of the slope stability model will be presented in a summary letter to the City.
 3. If steps 1 and 2 are inconclusive, conduct a supplemental site investigation including advancement of three or four soil borings and preparation of a more detailed slope stability model. We assume that continuous soil samples will be collected at each of the boring locations and the depth of the borings will be approximately 50 feet. A DuBois & King geologist will be present during the advancement of the borings to observe and log soil conditions.

The approximate fee to complete the work is \$4,000 for tasks 1 and 2 and approximately \$20,000 for task 3.

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- According to Ouellette, without further testing the City will not have a solution to the problem. The solution could change the scope of the project. The problem out there could be very deep in the ground and Ouellette suspects that this will be the case. The prior engineering didn't include the southern side of the road.

Discussion.

- Ouellette's recommendation: Do nothing to the road unless further testing is done.

Discussion.

So as to help with potholes and mud, the Public Works Department has placed some material on the temporary road.

Councilor Martin stated that DuBois & King should complete tasks 1 & 2 on "their dime".

Discussion.

Discussion as to whether or not the road should be closed.

For the next meeting, the Mayor wants to know the cost of filling the hole as part of the short term fix. The Mayor asked if the whole road could be assessed.

Item #5: Next Meeting(s): May 13, May 28 (Tuesday)

Item #6: Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary